

FISCAL NOTE

HB 708 - SB 635

March 26, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- States that the General Assembly supports the recommendation of the "Special Study Committee on the Uses of Ritalin and Other Amphetamines" to create a statewide task force comprised of parents, teachers, school administrators and health organizations, psychiatrists, managed care organizations, TennCare officials and other necessary medical professionals to discuss and resolve matters about the use of Ritalin in schools.
- Provides that a local education agency (LEA) shall not permit an employee or person under contract with the LEA to recommend the use of psychotropic drugs to treat children enrolled in elementary or secondary schools until such task force has been formed and has issued a report to the General Assembly. Nothing in this bill shall prohibit a school's medical staff from recommending appropriate medical evaluation of a child with the students' parents or legal guardian's consent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes any cost associated with the creation of the task force is estimated to be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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